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1. ON MARCH 15, A FORMAL REQUEST CALLING FOR CONVOCA-
TION OF A PARTY CONVENTION WAS SUBMITTED TO THE NDP. YAT'U (THE
ASSOCIATION TO STRUGGLE FOR THE RESTORATION OF A TRUE
OPPOSITION PARTY) PRESENTED SIGNATURES FROM 300 DELEGATES
ENDORING THE CALL FOR THE CONVENTION. KIM YONG-SAM SAID THAT
YAT'U HAD ACTUALLY OBTAINED 365 SIGNATURES, BUT DECIDED NOT
TO PUBLISH THE NAMES OF 65 DELEGATES WHO WOULD BE PLACED IN
A DELICATE POSITION IN THE PARTY FOR HAVING BACKED THE
SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN.

2. PARTY LEADER YI CH'OL SUNG REMAINS OPPOSED TO THE
CONVENTION AND IN A PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 22 IN CHONJU, HIS
HOME DISTRICT, REJECTED YAT'U'S DEMAND AS UNREASONABLE.

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MEMBERS OF YI'S FACTION STATED THAT YI'S POSITION WAS
"A FINAL, OFFICIAL REPLY" TO NDP DISSIDENTS.

3. YAT'U SUPPORTERS HAVE ISSUED MANY STATEMENTS REIT-
ERATING THEIR CALL FOR A CONVENTION, BUT KIM HYONG-IL,
ONE OF FOUR NDP LEGISLATORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE YAT'U
EFFORT, TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 24 THAT THERE WAS NO PRACTICAL

WAY AT THIS POINT TO FORCE THE HOLDING OF A CONVENTION.
YI WOULD BE ABLE TO IGNORE YAT'U'S DEMANDS WITH
IMPUNITY, AND, KIM ASSERTED, SUCH OPTIONS AS HOLDING
A RUMP CONVENTION WITH ONLY YAT'U DELEGATES PRESENT OR
FORMING A NEW OPPOSITION PARTY WERE REJECTED OUT OF HAND
BY EVEN THE MOST ARDENT MEMBERS OF YAT'U.

4. COMMENT: WE WILL PROBABLY HEAR MUCH MORE NOISE
FROM YAT'U ON THE CONVENTION ISSUE, BUT IT APPEARS
THAT YI'S OPPONENT HAVE VERY LITTLE CHANCE FOR SUCCESS.
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